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¶11. Djibouti is slated to take part in the United Nations Human Rights Council's new Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism on February 2, 2009.

¶12. The GODJ has already undertaken preparations for the February session. In October, the GODJ and the UN co-hosted a workshop on the submission of required annual human rights reports, with an emphasis on preparation for the UPR process. In December, the upcoming UPR was one of the topics of discussion at the second meeting of the newly formed Djibouti Human Rights Commission.

¶13. In addition to civil society participation in the UPR process through representation on the Human Rights Commission, Ambassador discussed the UPR mechanism December 14 with Mr. Jean Paul Abdi Noel, President of the Djiboutian League for Human Rights, who indicated that he was aware of the process and had already contributed input jointly with the Federation Internationale de ligues des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH) in advance of the submission deadline.

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